

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (**Currently Amended**) A contents distribution system comprising a terminal device and a contents distribution apparatus for distributing a content including at least one of video and music data to said terminal device via a network, wherein

~~wherein~~-said contents distribution apparatus comprises:

a content storage section operable to store a content and specific data concerning a predetermined special effect to be applied to a portion of the content and to ~~restrict a reproduced~~ impede reproduction of an original substance of the portion of the content, the content and the specific data being stored as a pair;

a content management data setting section operable to set management data, wherein the management data contains a flag indicating whether or not to apply the predetermined special effect to the portion of the content during reproduction, and billing conditions of use which need to be satisfied in order to reproduce the portion of the content without the predetermined special effect; and

a transmission section operable to transmit the content, the specific data, and the management data to the terminal device, ~~device~~; and

~~wherein~~-said terminal device comprises:

a reception section operable to receive the content, the specific data, and the management data from said transmission section; and

a reproduction control section operable to reset the flag when the billing conditions contained in the management data are satisfied and to reproduce the content ~~with or~~ without the predetermined special effect to the portion of the content in accordance with the specific data ~~and the presence or absence of the flag in the management data, and to reset the flag when the conditions of use contained in the management data are satisfied.~~

Claim 2 (**Currently Amended**) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, wherein:

the specific data is special effects data which is generated based on information concerning a type of the predetermined special effect and ~~a~~ the portion of the content to which the predetermined special effect is to be applied; and